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**District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer Appoints
Robert Pair as Next Chief of the Bureau of Investigations**

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer is pleased to announce the appointment of Robert Pair as the new Chief of the Bureau of Investigations at the District Attorney’s Office. The Chief District Attorney’s Investigator operates as the head of the District Attorney’s Bureau of Investigations, a law enforcement agency with a combined staff of over 50 employees, including 32 peace officers.

The Bureau of Investigations supports the prosecutorial efforts of the District Attorney’s Office, conducting additional investigative work for criminal cases of all kinds, including homicide cases. In addition, the Bureau conducts independent investigations on a broad range of issues, including public assistance fraud, public integrity cases, environmental enforcement, and election fraud.



Sergeant Robert Pair

Mr. Pair’s appointment follows the retirement of current Chief Randall Meyer, who will officially retire on October 3, 2026, after dedicating nearly 25 years to serving the Kern County community in various law enforcement roles. Chief Meyer began his career with the Kern County Sheriff’s Office, holding various positions before advancing into leadership and administrative roles. He joined the District Attorney’s Office as a Lieutenant and was later promoted to Chief. We extend our deepest gratitude to Chief Meyer for his exceptional service to the community, not only in his role as Chief, but throughout the many public safety positions he has held over the past two decades. We also thank Chief Meyer for his commitment to ensuring a smooth leadership transition in the weeks to come.

Robert Pair currently serves as the Sergeant of the Robbery and Homicide Unit at the Bakersfield Police Department. Sergeant Pair also previously held leadership roles in the department’s Special Enforcement/Gang Unit and as the department’s Public Information Officer. In addition, Sergeant Pair

served as a federally deputized Task Force Officer with both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Widely recognized for his dedication to public safety, Sergeant Pair was honored as the Eastern District of California U.S. Attorney's Office *2018 Outstanding Investigator of the Year* as well as the Bakersfield Police Department's *2018 Detective of the Year* and *2015 Peace Officer of the Year*.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer is honored to announce the appointment, stating, "Sergeant Pair is an outstanding law enforcement official with whom I have worked for many years on complex, high profile cases. It is my pleasure to appoint Sergeant Pair to this role, and I have full confidence that he will continue to provide invaluable leadership and expertise in this new position that is vital to the successful prosecution of criminal cases."

Robert Pair shared his vision for the Bureau of Investigations and aspirations in the new role; "I'm honored and humbled to be selected to serve as the Chief of the Bureau of Investigations. I look forward to serving the Kern County community with integrity and professionalism and continuing the exceptional work of the District Attorney's Office investigators and staff."

Sergeant Pair is expected to begin his tenure as Chief of the Bureau of Investigations on October 5, 2026.